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SUBJECT: CNO VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

REF: BELGRADE 5796

1. WE CONCUR THAT CONSIDERATIONS YOU HAVE RAISED IN REFTEL AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT CNO WILL NOT VISIT TURKEY, MAKE A CNO VISIT IN NOVEMBER LESS DESIRABLE THAN WHEN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. WE TOO ARE PUZZLED BY THE YUGOSLAVS' LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS TO PLANNED VISIT IN VIEW OF APPARENTLY LAVISH TREATMENT THEY GAVE GORSHKOV. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE YUGOSLAV CONCESSIONS TO THE SOVIETS, BUT BELIEVE IT MAY BE PREMATURE TO LINK THIS WITH CANCELLATION
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OF CNO VISIT.

2. YOU MAY TELL THE YUGOSLAVS THAT THE CNO'S SCHEDULE NOW PRECLUDES A NOVEMBER VISIT AND WE WILL CONSIDER RESCHEDULING IT LATER.

3. OASD/ISA AND CNO CONCUR WITH FOREGOING ASSESSMENT AND INSTRUCTIONS. KISSINGER

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